

Introduced by Senator BerryhillJanuary 31, 2013

An act to amend Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

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SB 154, as introduced, Berryhill. Community care facilities.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities by the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1501. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there
4 is an urgent need to establish a coordinated and comprehensive
5 statewide service system of quality community care for mentally
6 ill, developmentally and physically disabled, and children and
7 adults who require care or services by a facility or organization
8 issued a license or special permit pursuant to this chapter.
9 (b) Therefore, the Legislature declares it is the intent of the state
10 to develop policies and programs designed to: (1)~~insure~~ *ensure* a
11 level of care and services in the community which is equal to or
12 better than that provided by the state hospitals; (2)~~assure~~ *ensure*

1 that all people who require them are provided with the appropriate
2 range of social rehabilitative, habilitative and treatment services,
3 including residential and nonresidential programs tailored to their
4 needs; (3) protect the legal and human rights of a person in or
5 receiving services from a community care facility; (4)~~insure~~*ensure*
6 continuity of care between the medical-health elements and the
7 supportive care-rehabilitation elements of California's health
8 systems; (5)~~insure~~*ensure* that facilities providing community care
9 are adequate, safe and sanitary; (6)~~assure~~*ensure* that rehabilitative
10 and treatment services are provided at a reasonable cost; (7)~~assure~~
11 *ensure* that state payments for community care services are based
12 on a flexible rate schedule varying according to type and cost of
13 care and services provided; (8) encourage the utilization of
14 personnel from state hospitals and the development of training
15 programs to improve the quality of staff in community care
16 facilities; and (9)~~insure~~ *ensure* the quality of community care
17 facilities by evaluating the care and services provided and
18 furnishing incentives to upgrade their quality.